

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

STRAYED—TEN CATTLE

Strayed from the subscribers, ten young cattle; one brindle two-year old heifer, four yearlings, marked with a slanting crop in the right ear and a half-penny in the left, upper side; the year olds white face pied. Also, three yearlings, marked with a slanting crop under side of left ear. Likewise one two-year old red heifer, and one yearling, marked with a half-penny under each ear.

Whoever will take up said cattle and give notice so that the owners may have them, shall be reasonably rewarded and receive the thanks of ABEL BENNETT, JAMES BENNETT, Newtown, near Bennett's Bridge.

HORSE LOST.

Strayed from the enclosure of William Hoyt, on the last day of December, a dark bay horse—well made; good size; four-year old, with a white spot on his forehead, in very good order when he was last seen, and had no shoes. Any person who will return said horse to Wm. Hoyt, at Black Rock, shall be handsomely rewarded and all necessary charges paid.

Wm. Hoyt, Elm of Black Rock.

DANBURY PROBATE COURT.

At a Court of Probate held at Danbury, within and for the said District of Danbury, November 13th, 1915.

Alfred Besseque, Administrator on the estate of Samuel Besseque, late of Bridgeport, deceased, having represented the estate of said deceased to be insolvent: This Court assigns the first Monday of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the Probate Office in Danbury, for the appointment of a Commissioner on the said estate; on which the said Administrator is directed to give notice to all persons interested therein by publishing this notice in the public newspaper at Bridgeport.

DANIEL B. COOKE, Judge.

SHORTAGE OF PAPER.

Having lost Brother Skinner two reams of printing paper, on the 10th of last month, when he was entirely out, and his refusing to return it when called for, (although in his power and not having received our usual supply from Danbury, obliging us to use a smaller size this week.) The Republican Farmer of this issue was a column shorter than usual owing to a shortage of paper but the publishers made the best of what little paper they had.—EAL

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

BUSINESS COLLEGE LECTURE.

Rev. H. M. Gallagher, a Baptist minister of Brooklyn, of considerable notoriety, will deliver a lecture at Franklin House, on Friday evening, Dec. 10th, under the auspices of the managers of the Bridgeport Business College, his subject—"Ireland and the Irish." The proceeds of the lecture, over expenses, go to the "Soldiers' Monument" fund. The lecture is a free one. All other tickets, 30 cents each to be had at Cornwell's bookstore.

THE WALL STREET SEWER.

The sewer in Wall street will be completed in a day or two and will be found a great convenience to all who avail themselves of the benefits it is designed to afford. We had supposed it would drain the basement of the building occupied by our office, but find it will not, for the reason that it is now low enough, and could not be made lower, on account of the tides.

HARD SLENDING.

The snow, yesterday morning, presented a tempting appearance, and several persons were induced to turn out with sleighs and furs, and bells. For a time, the sleighing was quite well but it was only for a time. The "king of day" peeped out before noon and the snow being of the "soft-shell" variety, the sport of the thing was soon brought to an end.

HEED FOR POSTAGE.

The following letters are held at the post-office for non-payment of postage or want of better directions: S. L. Branch, 25 Ann street; and Miss Harriett Aymer of South Norwalk, Conn. All letters of this class not called for, are forwarded to the Dead Letter Office on Wednesday and Saturdays.

A MINSTREL SHOW.

Cotton & Murphy's Minstrels, the favorite troop with our citizens, give a single performance this evening in Franklin Hall. If you want seats, in the early for these funny "colored folks" always play to full houses and their program for evening is tip-top.

OLD BOURBON.

Booth, the Druggist, Wall street, has sent us a sample of superior Old Bourbon Whiskey, which he has just procured for medicinal purposes. We have had occasion frequently to use such medicine and have no hesitation in recommending it, when pure, in such cases as cure. Try it. It has all the qualities of a superior article.

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

TALK ON "BALLOONING."

"Dave" Thomas of New Haven, will give his lecture on "Balloononing" at the Barnum Institute Wednesday and Thursday evenings of next week. The discourse is entitled "Next Minutes in the Heaven," and is copiously and graphically illustrated with stereopticon views.

In 1876 Capt. Thomas made a memorable ascent from Golden Hill, in this city, which doubtless many of our readers remember as one of unusual peril. A high wind was blowing at the time and Mr. Thomas' air ship came mighty near destruction. But he pluckily let go and went careening eastward.

SKATING VICTIM.

The child of the merry skate is heard on the ice pond and the latest

CHANGES IN HERALD OFFICE.

"Jack" Walsh yesterday, assumed the editorship-in-chief of the Sunday Herald at their home in this city. Frank Steele, for several years a member of the Herald staff has resigned.

IN HONOR OF THEIR GUEST.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Toomey, Jr., of Franklin street last evening tendered a reception at their home to Miss Jennie Morris, of New York. A pleasant evening was spent. Supper was served at midnight.

NOTES OF LOCAL IMPORT.

Mr. John S. Stapleton, brother of Walter Stapleton, the hotelier, is seriously ill at the home of his parents in High street.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome T. Cook are the happy parents of a bouncing baby boy.

MRS. GORDON VERY LOW.

The condition of Mrs. Margaret Gordon, of Cedar street, is so discouraging that her family have abandoned all hopes of her recovery. She is at the home of her brother in Newtown and yesterday her children were summoned by telegraph, as it was feared she could not last much longer. Mrs. Gordon has been a resident of this city for almost 18 years, coming here from Newtown. She is the mother of John Gordon, foreman of the Seamstress Fire Engine Co., and Miss Aggie Gordon, the music teacher.

WHAT A CHANGE!

The "Soliloquizer" in his column today says that a well known local character was talking with some friends Sunday night in relation to old times in Bridgeport. "Let's see, didn't you work in the Wheeler & Wilson factory about 25 years ago?" one asked. "Well, I drew my salary regularly every month there," was the reply. This man is only one of many who were employed there when many were making fortunes at the factory and drew \$120 per month for work men are doing now for one-fourth of that sum. But the cost of living was a great deal higher than what it is now.

COOK RECEIVES

William F. O'Hara, cook at Furer's restaurant in Main street, burned his left hand this morning by spilling of boiling fat on it. The burn was treated at the Emergency hospital.

KNIGHTS OF THE MACCABEES.

At a largely attended meeting of American Tent No. 3, Knights of the Maccabees held last evening the following officers were elected: Sir Knight Commander, William Burke; Sir Knight, Lieut-Commander, John E. Burritt; record keeper, N. O. Bouvier; finance, John Dorsey; recording chaplain, James Keiser; sergeant, John Hefferman; master-at-arms, William J. Burke; 1st master of guard, James Watt; 2nd master of guard, George E. Moore; sentinel, L. Dineen; picket, Edward J. Kermode.

FATALEY INJURED.

George Warren, a stone cutter formerly employed by James Sexton & Sons, now employed at Lime Hill quarry, Roxbury Station, fell while crossing the ice and received injuries which will prove fatal. His family resides in Hollister avenue, in the East End.

CORDEVA COUNCIL, K. OF C.

The following officers were elected last evening for the ensuing year by Cordova council, K. of C.: G. K. James Duff; D. G. K., Charles Kelley; chancellor, John Dorsey; recording secretary, A. C. Bowen; financial secretary, Thomas E. Dorsey; treasurer, D. V. Lynch; warden, John H. Judge; lecturer, George Bennett; advocate, William Hagan; chaplain, Rev. J. E. Nihil; physician, B. D. Sheedy; inside guard, Thomas Kane; outside guard, Michael Connelly; trustees, D. F. Poland, William Reagan and A. C. Bowen.

HUNTER PAYNE IN TOWN.

Charles Payne of Wichita, Kansas, brother-in-law of Attorney Charles S. Peck, was in town to-day. He came East with \$0 head of wild deer which were captured by his hunters in the Rocky Mountains, and they are to add—BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS—3 supply a reservation in the southwestern part of Pennsylvania. Mr. Payne is the only dealer in wild animals in this country. Mr. Payne has a host of friends in this city and in Stratford.

WEDDING AT SANDY HOOK.

The Episcopal church at Sandy Hook was the scene of a wedding of tasteful arrangement at 4 o'clock this afternoon, when Miss Lulu, daughter of Smith P. Glover, was married to George F. Taylor. The couple are residents of Sandy Hook and come of well connected families, and the nuptial event was a fashionable affair. Rev. O. O. Wright, rector of the Sandy Hook Episcopal church performed the ceremony. The groom is a member of the firm of Warner Taylor & Curtis.

THE WOMAN'S BOOT SHOP.

Some of the most beautiful of Christmas slippers for ladies, ever shown in this city are now on display at this institution.

Mr. McCormick is showing his usual taste in the selection of style in these slippers, as he has demonstrated, in the many beautiful styles of footwear displayed here before.

Unusually low prices predominate at the Woman's Boot shop, inasmuch as it is an upstairs store and operates under light expenses.

This importation of woman's footwear is located at 1115 Main street, upstairs. Next to Riker's drug store.—Adv.

In the presence of thousands of people, Pope Benedict held a public consistory.

BUY LYFORD BROTHERS' USE

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Men's BATH ROBES.
With slippers to match
\$2.50
All new Robes that would sell in other stores at \$3 or \$3.50. Appropriate and sensible gifts. These Robes are made of a good quality of blanketed cloth in ten neat and tasteful patterns. Almost every fancy in the way of color combinations can be pleased.

Men's Xmas Handkerchiefs
In Holiday Boxes
There are probably more Handkerchiefs given for Xmas than anything else. You can give these with absolute confidence, for they are good quality and we will refund the purchase price if your recipient should want something else.
6 in a box 59c

Matched Sets
IN HOLIDAY BOXES
At **50c**
SUSPENDERS AND GARTERS, perfectly matched; value 99c.
SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, to match; value 99c.
MEN'S SOCKS AND SILK TIE, to match; value 99c.
MEN'S GARTERS AND ARMBANDS to match. Best silk covered elastic; value 99c.
At **\$1.00**
SUSPENDERS AND GARTERS to match. Fine quality; value \$1.50.
SILK TIE AND SILK HANDKERCHIEF to match, plain or fancy border; value \$1.50.
SILK TIE AND SILK SOCKS to match; value \$1.50.
SILK SOCKS, TIE AND HANDKERCHIEF in each box; value \$1.50.
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AND MANY OTHERS.

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The Suits
Are in the most desirable models of the year—and there are nearly twice as many to choose from as you'll find elsewhere. Plain colors, stripes, checks, fancy mixtures, blue serge and black thibet; sizes 31 to 46, including stouts, at
\$10
The Overcoats
Are all in models in greatest popularity right now, including the Balmacaan in smart Scotch plaids, blue, gray and brown Chinchillas, models with "set-in" sleeves and velvet collars, mixtures and a good showing of Craynettes; every Coat guaranteed to fit and wear well.

The Surprise Store
1119-1123 MAIN STREET

Christmas Gifts for Men and Boys!

Sensible and Useful Selections—and the Kind That Both Men and Boys Will Appreciate.

The smallest amount you can spend in the Surprise Store for a man or boy is certain to secure an article that will show good judgment and taste on your part, sure to be useful to the receiver, and sure to win his sincere thanks. Give a man or boy something that can be worn—and you'll make no mistake. Be certain it is good—no matter what you pay. Anything you select here will not only show a saving of 15 per cent to 25 per cent, and carry an unconditional guarantee, but also CAN BE EXCHANGED ANY TIME AFTER CHRISTMAS IF YOU SO DESIRE OR THE PURCHASE PRICE WILL BE CHEERFULLY REFUNDED.

Our Clothing is made in our own tailor shops and sold at wholesale cost—and our Furnishings are bought in large quantities for a chain of stores—all of which enables us to guarantee to you values that cannot be secured in any other store.

Here Are a Few of the Items You'll Find Throughout The Surprise Store

Men's BATH ROBES.
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All new Robes that would sell in other stores at \$3 or \$3.50. Appropriate and sensible gifts. These Robes are made of a good quality of blanketed cloth in ten neat and tasteful patterns. Almost every fancy in the way of color combinations can be pleased.

MEN'S TIES
Ideal Xmas gifts and splendid values
25c
There isn't a tie in the lot that isn't a 50c shape and shown in a 50c pattern. Brand new, perfect neckwear in a rich assortment of beautiful colors in a thousand newest patterns.
FINE SILK 4-IN-HANDS PUT UP IN BOXES.

Men's Shirts
The grade selling everywhere at \$1 and \$1.25
79c
Coat style negligee in a beautiful assortment of holiday patterns—all fine, perfect, well made garments, suitable and safe to give to any man. Full cut, accurately sized.

MEN'S WOOL SWEATERS
Good \$3 and \$3.50 grades on Special Sale
\$2.50
Fine luxurious wool garments in coat style; all are new models with shawl collars; well made, perfect fitting sweaters in maroon, navy, tan and gray.
Just the gift to reach a man's heart.

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Fancy Vests \$2.00
Made in the very latest designs; fine qualities in a rich assortment of tasteful patterns; the \$3 qualities of other stores.
Smoking Jackets \$4.50
Splendid garments; made of fine all wool, double-face material and fashioned with neat silk frogs.
Umbrel as 75c, \$1, \$1.50
Always in good taste—and these are dependable; although low priced.

Men's SOCKS
You can make no mistake by selecting Socks—for no man ever had too many—these are a fine silk quality that are both neat and serviceable; we have all colors and all sizes; special holiday price a pair
25c

FOR BOYS
A few useful suggestions that are low-priced and guaranteed. Can be exchanged if recipient prefers something else.
GAUNTLET GLOVES—Mexican style with leather fringe; Indian, Cowboy, Star and Boy Scout style, at... **50c**
KNIT GLOVES—An inexpensive but useful gift, pair... **25c**
STOCKINGS—Fine and coarse rib, at... **25c**
BOYS' POLO CAPS... **50c**
BOYS' HOCKEY CAPS... **25c**
SILK TIES—Reversible styles, at... **19c**
FLANNEL BLOUSES... **50c**
BOYS' SUSPENDERS... **15c**
Boys' Sweaters
Useful and pleasing gifts for any boy—and these are exceptional values:
Oxford Gray Heavy Knit Sweater... **50c**
Red Sweater... **\$1.00**
Boy Scout Sweaters... **\$1.50**

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Boys' Suits and Overcoats
Here are a few Holiday Specials that will save you anywhere from 55c to \$3.00. Remember we will gladly change the size or give something else should the boy so desire.
Suits and Mackinaws
RUSSIAN AND NORFOLK SUITS, some with two pairs of pants; finest all wool garments in an unmatched assortment of fancy mixtures; also blue serge; sizes 2 1/2 to 18 years.
MACKINAW SPORT COATS in a splendid variety of richly blended plaids; full and half belted models; sizes 3 to 18 years; values \$5.50 to \$8.00; Special... **\$5.00**
Suits and Overcoats
Russian Blouse and Norfolk Suits; some with two pairs of pants; stripes, checks, plaids, blue serge and corduroy; sizes 2 1/2 to 17 years. School Overcoats, Mackinaws, Chinchillas and Russian Overcoats at... **\$2.95**

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RUSSIAN BLOUSE AND NORFOLK SUITS—Made of all-wool blue serge; cashmeres and other fancy mixtures; some have two pairs of pants—all the Norfolk have stitched belts and pleats; sizes 2 1/2 to 18 years.
MACKINAW SPORT COATS—Fine wool material in a big variety of color combinations, handsome, well made and durable garments in sizes 3 to 18; at... **\$3.95**
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Russian Blouse and Norfolk Suits with stitched belts and pleats; stripes, plain colors and mixtures; sizes 2 1/2 to 18 years. Overcoats; Chinchillas and fancy chevrons in sizes 2 1/2 to 10 yrs., \$2.50 and \$2.75 values at... **\$1.95**

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INTERNAL JAP LOAN TO PAY FOREIGNERS
Tokio, Dec. 10.—Leading Japanese bankers have decided that a new domestic loan should be raised to redeem foreign loans.
This decision is a result of the fact that Japan has about \$800,000,000 in foreign loans which mature in ten years. The idea is that upon the conclusion of the European war the monetary circulation of the world will become stringent owing to the financial readjustments of the powers concerned. How Japan should deal with the situation forms a difficult question. The bankers think it advisable to raise a domestic loan with a view to redeeming foreign loans while the money market is now in a slack condition. They think that the flotation of a domestic loan at this moment would not only help adjust for-

ANOTHER CABINET CHANGE IN CHINA
Peking, Dec. 10.—Lu Cheng-hsiang, minister of foreign affairs, has been designated by the president to act as secretary of state during the "illness" of Hsu Shih-chang who has resisted all efforts to persuade him to remain in office. The latter is generally regarded as being out of the cabinet, although no announcement has been made to this effect and none probably will be made until the monarchical question is settled.
Hsu Shih-chang is opposed to the change in government. He was formerly viceroy of Manchuria and held many other offices under the Manchu regime. He has regarded it as impossible to continue service under the prospective re-establishment of the monarchy. The service of two imperial masters is unthinkable to the Chinese. Hence the unwillingness of

POINTS OF INTEREST.
Here is a collection of bargains which should instill vim, vigor and vitality into Saturday's bargains in untrimmed hats, trimmed dress hats, skirt waists, silk petticoats, sweaters, skating caps and scarfs, cloth coats, raincoats and reliable fur muffs and scarfs at E. H. Dillon & Co.'s, 1105 Main street.—Adv.
CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES.
Kris Kingle has already visited the P. O. News Store, 11 Arcade, and left a goodly portion of his 1915 Christ-

ALMANAC FOR TODAY
Sun rises 7:03 a. m.
Sun sets 4:34 p. m.
High water 1:46 p. m.
Moon sets 6:04 p. m.
Low water 8:12 p. m.